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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed organization of work for the thirty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission (see annex) has been prepared pursuant to the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and with the services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 26 February 2008, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. (10.30 a.m. on Tuesday only) to 1 p.m., afternoon meetings from 3 to 6 p.m. The session will conclude on Friday, 29 February 2008, at 1 p.m.

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Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*		*Proposed time to be spent on each item (minutes)*
Tuesday, 26 February			
Morning (10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.)		Opening of the session	30
	Item 1	Election of officers	
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters *For discussion* Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.3/2008/1) Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/2008/L.1) *For information* Note by the Secretariat on the state of the preparation of documentation for the session (E/CN.3/2008/CRP.1)	
	Item 3	Items for discussion and decision	
	Item 3 (a)	Programme review: employment statistics *For discussion* Report of the Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on labour statistics (E/CN.3/2008/2)	75
	Item 3 (b)	Education statistics *For discussion* Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on education statistics (E/CN.3/2008/3)	45
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Afternoon (3 p.m.-6 p.m.)	Item 3 (c)	International Comparison Programme *For discussion* Report of the World Bank (E/CN.3/2008/33) Report of the Friends of the Chair (E/CN.3/2008/4)	75
	Item 3 (d)	National accounts *For discussion* Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (E/CN.3/2008/5)	60

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	Item 3 (e)	Integrated economic statistics *For discussion* Report of the Friends of the Chair (E/CN.3/2008/6)	45
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Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	Item 3 (f)	Tourism statistics *For discussion* Joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Tourism Organization (E/CN.3/2008/7)	45
	Item 3 (g)	Distributive trade statistics *For discussion* Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2008/8)	45
	Item 3 (h)	Industrial statistics *For discussion* Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2008/9)	45
	Item 3 (i)	International merchandise trade statistics *For discussion* Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2008/10)	45
Wednesday, 27 February (*continued*)			
Afternoon (3 p.m.-6 p.m.)	Item 3 (j)	Statistics of human development *For discussion* Report of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme (E/CN.3/2008/11)	60
	Item 3 (k)	Collection and dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division *For discussion* Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2008/12)	45
	Item 3 (l)	Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata *For discussion* Report on an initiative to foster common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata (E/CN.3/2008/13)	45

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Thursday, 28 February			
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	Item 3 (m)	Regional statistical development in Africa *For discussion* Report of the Economic Commission for Africa (E/CN.3/2008/14)	60
	Item 4	Items for information	120
	Item 4 (a)	Health statistics *For information* Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics (E/CN.3/2008/15)	
	Item 4 (b)	Population and housing censuses *For information* Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2008/16)	
	Item 4 (c)	Round table on business survey frames *For information* Report of the round table (E/CN.3/2008/17)	
	Item 4 (d)	International merchandise trade statistics *For information* Report of the Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (E/CN.3/2008/18)	
	Item 4 (e)	Statistics of international trade in services *For information* Report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (E/CN.3/2008/19)	
	Item 4 (f)	Ottawa Group on Price Indexes *For information* Report of the Ottawa Group (E/CN.3/2008/20)	
	Item 4 (g)	Statistics of science and technology *For information* Report of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Institute for Statistics of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/CN.3/2008/21)	
	Item 4 (h)	Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics *For information* Report of the Delhi Group (E/CN.3/2008/22)	

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	Item 4 (i) **Agricultural statistics** ***For information*** **Report of the Wye Group on statistics on rural development and agriculture household income (E/CN.3/2008/23)**	
	Item 4 (j) **Environment statistics** ***For information*** **Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (E/CN.3/2008/24)**	
	Item 4 (k) **Environmental accounting** ***For information*** **Report of the Committee of Experts on Environment-Economic Accounting (E/CN.3/2008/25)**	
	Item 4 (l) **Coordination and integration of statistical programmes** ***For information*** **Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2008/26)** **Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century on statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2008/27)**	
	Item 4 (m) **International economic and social classifications** ***For information*** **Report of the International Labour Organization on updating the International Standard Classification of Occupations and plans to implement the updated classification (E/CN.3/2008/28)**	
	Item 4 (n) **Development indicators** ***For information*** **Report of the Secretary-General on indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals (E/CN.3/2008/29)**	
	Item 4 (o) **Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions** ***For information*** **Note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2008/30)**	

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	Item 4 (p)	Principles governing international statistical activities *For information* Information note by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2008/31)	
Thursday, 28 February (*continued*)			
Afternoon		*No formal meeting*	
Friday, 29 February			
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	Item 5	Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division) Oral report by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division	30
	Item 6	Provisional agenda and dates for the fortieth session of the Commission *For discussion* Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission 2008-2011 (E/CN.3/2008/32) Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda and dates for the fortieth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2008/L.2)	30
	Item 7	Report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session *For discussion* Draft report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session (E/CN.3/2008/L ... and addenda)	120
		Closing of the session	